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SUBJECT: THAILAND EMBASSY/STATE DEPARTMENT HUMAN RIGHTS
VETTING FOR: JCET BALANCE TORCH 10-1, EXERCISES, LOP BURI, PHUKET,
CHANG MAI AND BANGKOK, OCTOBER 01 - DECEMBER 09, 2009

REF: A. JUSMAG MEMO DATED JULY 21, 2009
     ¶B. 05 STATE 021314 - GUIDANCE
     ¶C. 03 STATE 34981 - GUIDANCE

¶1. (U) This is an action request for human rights
verification required by the Leahy Amendment; see Para. 2.

¶2.  (U) JUSMAG Bangkok has requested that the Embassy/State
Department complete human rights vetting request for the commanders
and units listed below, who have been selected to participate in the
above-mentioned exercises.  Embassy Bangkok possesses no credible
information at this time of gross violations of human rights by
these commanders and units.  Embassy Bangkok Political Officer,
Gillian R. Apfel, is the verifying officer for the
Embassy/Department of State.




Exercises:  JCET Balance Torch 10-1, Exercise, Lop Buri, Phuket,
Chang Mai and Bangkok, October 01 - December 09, 2009.  JUSMAG is
the funding agency.

Commanders and Units:

Name:  Vinai Pimai
DPOB:  November 19, 1968; Srisaket, Thailand
Title/Rank:  Commander, Lieutenant Colonel
Unit:  Royal Thai Army Ranger Battalion

Name:  Likit Charoensaph
DPOB:  March 03, 1951; Chonburi, Thailand
Title/Rank:  Commander, Rear Admiral
Unit:  Royal Thai Navy Special Warfare (SEALS)

Name:  Weerapol Koombon
DPOB:  November 18, 1953; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank:  Commander, Lieutenant General
Unit:  Thai Counter-Terrorism Operations Center.


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